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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/684,215

Filed: October 6, 2000

For: METHODS OF USING A
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS
CODING SEQUENCE TO FACILITATE
STABLE AND HIGH YIELD
EXPRESSION OF THE
HETEROLOGOUS PROTEINS

Examiner: Liu, Samuel Wei

Art Unit: 1653

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed May 20, 2002, applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-16, 27-29, and 31, drawn to polynucleotides and expression of a polynucleotide in a host cell.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. Restriction of an application is discretionary, and a restriction requirement is made only to avoid placing an undue examination burden on the Examiner and the Office. Where claims can be examined together without undue burden, the Examiner must examine the claims on the merits, even though they are directed to independent and distinct inventions. MPEP § 803.01. Applicants respectfully submit that examining the claims of Groups I-III would

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not place and undue burden on the Examiner, and request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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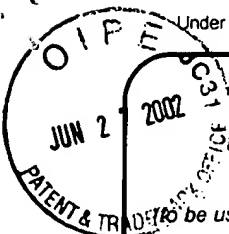
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